

SPORTS STAR OF THE YEAR

2009

AMY FORTESCUE

At only 17 years of age and a trophy cabinet already packed with shiny gold medals, Amy Fortescue's future certainly looks bright. The Gelorup taekwondo star proved she's future Olympic material this season with a host of stellar performances. In October she won silver at the Australian Taekwondo Open and National Championships – earning her selection for a special Taekwondo Australia development squad. She also medalled in State competition this year. Amy, who is also a South West Academy of Sport scholarship holder, also won this year's Myles Junior Sports Star Award.



LAUREN REYNOLDS

The Bunbury BMX champion capped off a sensational season on the track by being named the South West Academy of Sport's best athlete for 2009. The promising rider, who achieved a seventh world ranking in the 2009 UCI BMX Supercross World Cup, received the SWAS Sports Star of the Year Award at a special dinner in Bunbury at the weekend. In January she finished 1st in the UCI's opening BMX rounds in Queensland in the Junior Elite class, before taking 1st placed honours at the Probike BMX round in Adelaide in February. Reynolds continued her impressive Probike series form by finishing 1st in the Canberra rounds in March in the junior elite women's category. She continued her good form with top 10 finishes in the World Championships and Supercross World Cup in July and September.



LEWIS JETTA

Sydney coach Paul Roos has labelled him extraordinary and dual Brownlow Medallist Adam Goodes pushed for his selection, so expect big things from Sports Star nomination Lewis Jetta next AFL season. The former Bunbury Bulldog was taken by the Swans at pick 14 in November's draft. The 20-year-old speed machine, who demanded attention after sizzling displays with WAFL club Swan Districts last season, is tipped to add a new dynamic to the Swans next year. Earlier this year, Jetta was also voted top first-year-country player in the WAFL, and represented WA in their match against SA.



AARON BLACK

Former Eaton Boomer Aaron Black earned his Sports Star nomination after being picked up by North Melbourne in November's AFL draft. The Kangaroos have already earmarked Black as a future power-forward. Black was in terrific form for WAFL side Peel Thunder this year, with sizzling displays in the forward line.

